

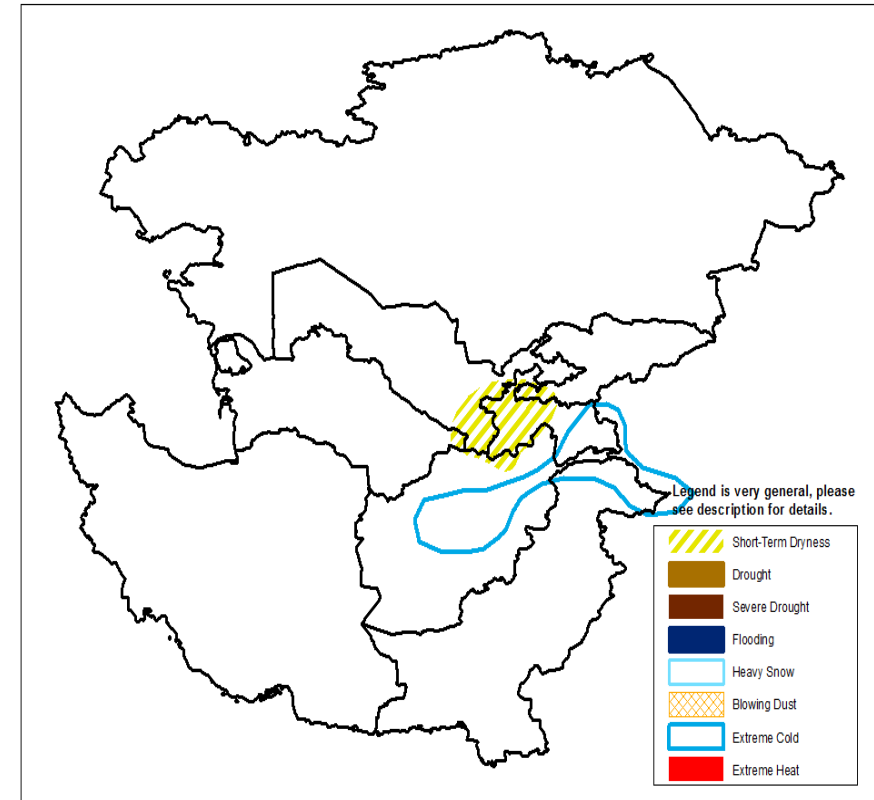
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET January 2 – January 8, 2013

Temperatures:

During December, temperatures averaged below normal over much of Central Asia. A significant decrease in temperatures occurred during the middle period of the month, with a departure from the average exceeding -8 degrees Celsius across northern Central Asia. During the next week, a slightly warmer than average weather is forecast in northern Kazakhstan, while well below normal temperatures are expected across central and northeastern Afghanistan. Minimum temperatures could fall below -30 degrees Celsius over the central highlands and northeast mountains of Afghanistan.

Precipitation

Snow depth and coverage have experienced a significant increase due to enhanced precipitation over the past three weeks. During the past week, widespread, light to moderate (10–40 mm liquid equivalent) precipitation fell across southern Turkmenistan, southern Uzbekistan, and the northern and eastern provinces of Afghanistan. Meanwhile, little to no precipitation fell in western Tajikistan, maintaining dryness that has resulted from an inconsistent precipitation distribution since the beginning of the season. For next week, dry (< 10 mm liquid equivalent) weather is forecast across much of Central Asia, except the western half of Kazakhstan and localized areas of Turkmenistan and Afghanistan.



Note: The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.

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